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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK, US, XF, NI
SUBJ: NIGERIA AND PATRIOTIC FRONT

REF: LUSAKA 1852

1. THOUGH NO INSTRUCTIONS IN HAND, TOOK ADVANTAGE OF PRIVATE LUNCH JULY 1 WITH HARRIMAN (NIGERIAN CHAIRMAN OF UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE) TO MAKE POINTS RAISED REFTEL BY AMBASSADOR LOW. EXTENDED CONVERSATION FOCUSED ON DIFFICULTIES FOR OAU IN BACKING PATRIOTIC FRONT AS EFFECTIVE FIGHTING FORCE WITHOUT GIVING IT UNDUE HEAD START FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS.

2. HARRIMAN AGREED THIS REAL PROBLEM, CARRYING WITH IT SEEDS OF CIVIL CONFLICT, BUT HAD NO IMMEDIATE SOLUTION TO PROPOSE. HE SUGGESTED THAT AFRICAN TRADITION OF ACCEPTING STRONG LEADERSHIP MIGHT WELL LEAD VAST MAJORITY OF ZIMBABWEANS TO RALLY AROUND PATRIOTIC FRONT IF THIS GROUPING CLEARLY BECAME DESIGNATED INSTRUMENT OF LIBERATION EFFORT, BUT
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DID NOT HIMSELF APPEAR TOTALLY CONVINCED.

3. NET RESULT OF RENEWED EXCHANGE ON THIS SUBJECT WAS THUS INCONCLUSIVE, AND OFFERED NO NEW CLUES TO POSITION FMG WILL TAKE AT SUMMIT. IF NOTHING ELSE, HARRIMAN WAS OBLIGED TO RECONSIDER HIS EARLIER ARGUMENTS, BUT IT NOW REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER EFFORT WILL PROVE TO HAVE

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